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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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July 19, 1994

TO: The Acting Secretary
THROUGH: P - Mr. Tarnoff
FROM: IO - Douglas J. Bennet 
SUBJECT: Rwanda: NSC and DoD Initiatives

Today the NSC chaired an inter-agency discussion of approaches to the Rwanda-Zaire situation. This meeting produced an outline of a two-phase plan whereby the U.S. would assist UNHCR in handling refugees, and work for a reconfigured UNAMIR to help guarantee refugees prompt and safe return to Rwanda. This approach is outlined in a memorandum by Dick Clarke (attached).

Later Under Secretary Deutch chaired a meeting at DoD which will result in a report to Tony Lake along the following lines:

- Tomorrow EUCOM planning teams will leave for Goma, for Paris to consult with the French, and for Geneva to bolster the existing UNHCR support cell.
- The USG should consider a two-phase strategy along the lines suggested by Clarke.
- DoD will be prepared to make a substantial financial commitment based on draw-down authority or emergency reprogramming.
- Since DoD cannot use internal funds for acquisition, State's \$19 million should be reserved for any necessary purchase of equipment, etc.
- The USG will not be prepared to make detailed commitments when the President meets with Atwood on Thursday, because the planning teams will have just returned. Saturday is realistic.

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Deutch said the Somalia experience should not inhibit us from playing a constructive role and well-designed in Rwanda. All agreed that a successful repatriation strategy is essential to avoid creating a permanently dependent population.

Attachment:

Dick Clarke Outline

cc: AF - Amb. Moose
RP - Mrs. Oakley
PM - Amb. Cooke

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